

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2013.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 493–520; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 52–55, were introduced. **Pages H369–71**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H372**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palazzo to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H345**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H350**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 52, electing Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H351**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:28 p.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m. **Page H354**

Require a PLAN Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 444, to require that, if the President's fiscal year 2014 budget does not achieve balance in a fiscal year covered by such budget, the President shall submit a supplemental unified budget by April 1, 2013, which identifies a fiscal year in which balance is achieved. Consideration of the bill is expected to resume tomorrow, February 6th. **Pages H364–68**

H. Res. 48, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 34, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 33. **Pages H354–63, H363–64**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in our armed forces and their families. **Page H363**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 53, electing Members to a standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H364**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 6th. **Page H364**

United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representative Larson (CT). **Page H364**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H357.

Senate Referral: S. 227 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H363 and H363–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FACING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS AND WORKPLACES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Challenges and Opportunities Facing America’s Schools and Workplaces”. Testimony was heard from Gary Herbert, Governor, State of Utah; Laura Fornash, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY AND INNOVATION: AN ASSESSMENT OF NORTH AMERICA'S ENERGY RESOURCES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “American Energy Security and Innovation: An Assessment of North America’s Energy Resources”. Testimony was heard from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration.

FIGHTING FOR INTERNET FREEDOM: DUBAI AND BEYOND; AND GLOBAL INTERNET FREE FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a joint hearing entitled “Fighting for Internet Freedom: Dubai and Beyond; and consideration of legislation to affirm that it is the policy of the United States to promote a global Internet free from government control. Testimony was heard from Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Bitange Ndemo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communication, Government of Kenya (by videoconference); and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a business meeting to adopt the Committee’s Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Ethics: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider organizational matters relating to the start of the 113th Congress. The Committee agreed to its rules.

FATAH-HAMAS RECONCILIATION: THREATENING PEACE PROSPECTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The Fatah-Hamas Reconciliation: Threatening Peace Prospects”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 113th Congress. The Committee adopted its rules of procedure and oversight plan for the 113th Congress.

AMERICA'S IMMIGRATION SYSTEM: OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEGAL IMMIGRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “America’s Immigration System: Opportunities for Legal Immigration and Enforcement of Laws against Illegal Immigration”. Testimony was heard from Julian Castro, Mayor, San Antonio, Texas; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING: ADDRESSING THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WASTED EVERY YEAR

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a business meeting and held a hearing entitled “Government Spending: How Can We Best Address the Billions of Dollars Wasted Every Year?”. The Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANALYZING VA'S ACTIONS TO PREVENT LEGIONNAIRE'S DISEASE IN PITTSBURGH

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Analyzing VA’s Actions to Prevent Legionnaire’s Disease in Pittsburgh.” Testimony was heard from Robert Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Gary Roselle, Chief, Medical Service, Program Director, Infectious Diseases, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lauri Hicks, Medical Epidemiologist, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and public witnesses.

TEMPORARY DISABILITY RATING: AN EXAMINATION OF ITS EFFECTIVE USE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "The 100% Temporary Disability Rating: An Examination of Its Effective Use". Testimony was heard from Linda Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Brent Arronte, Director, San Diego Benefits Inspection Division, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Diana Rubens, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee, continued business meeting to adopt the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Proper Role of the Federal Housing Administration in our Mortgage Insurance Market", 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee, hearing entitled "American Competitiveness: The Role of Research and Development", 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Wednesday, February 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 47, Violence Against Women Act. At 12 noon, Senator-designate Cowan, of Massachusetts, will be sworn in.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 444—Require a PLAN Act.

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